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|---|---|
| Coimbatore | 1 |
| Trichy | 2 |
| Vellore | 2 |
| Tirunelveli | 2 |
| Virudhunagar | 1 |
| Ramanathapuram | 1 |
| Udhagamandala | 1 |
| Villupuram | 2 |
| Mayiladuthurai | 2 |

(6) 128 Formated terminals alongwith 8 Concentrators are to be distributed in different Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu based on traffic load.

**Production Target of Subscriber Lines**

76. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production capacity of subscriber lines available at ITIS and the production levels at Bangalore, Rai Bareli, Manakpur and Palghat; and

(b) what is the estimated production target of subscriber lines for the year 1995?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The approved annual capacity for production of subscriber lines of various Units of ITI and the present production level are as follows:

| S. No. | Unit | Approved annual production capacity | Production during 1990-91 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bangalore | 5,00,000 lines | 1,57,040 lines |
| 2. | Mankapur | 5,00,000 lines | 4,48,300 lines |
| 3. | Palaghat | 2,00,000 lines | 32,700 lines |
| 4. | Rai Bareli | 3,00,000 lines | 1,49,769 lines |
| 5. | Model Plant Bangalore | 1,00,000 lines | 61,432 lines |

(b) The Production target of the subscriber lines for the year 1995 is estimated to be 1.2 Million lines.

**Interception of Mail by Mafia Gangs of Courier Services**

77. SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some mafia gangs of Courier services are operating in the capital in connivance with the postal employees who intercepts foreign mail and transfer the same into other envelops with blurb-pay Courier Service Charge and dupe the addresses;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Prima facie involvement of one Postman, and two employees of a private courier firm in such activities in the capaital has come to the notice of the Government and those persons have been arrested by the Police.

(c) The Postman has been placed under suspension. The monitoring of foreign mail has also been tightened up.

**Distruption of Postal Services in Assam and North-East states**

78. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal services in Assam and other states of the north eastern region remained disrupted due to employees' agitations;

(b) if so, the details of grievances of the employees and the period during which the services remained disrupted;

(c) the steps, if any taken by Government to provide relief to the people of the North-Eastern States; and

(d) whether any steps are contemplated by Government to prevent